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A bike lane on 106 Street is one of several that some councillors say should be removed. Story, **metroNEWS**. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Cracking down on pesticides

**New ban
includes many
exemptions**


**Ryan
Tumilty**
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton councillors passed a ban on pesticide use on city property Tuesday, but not before adding several exemptions.

The city has already drastically reduced its use of pesticide in parks, and on roadways and boulevards, but the new ban will go further. However, city staff can still use pesticides for outbreaks of noxious weeds.

Coun. Michael Walters said science and society were moving away from using chemicals to deal with weeds, and it was time for the city to start catching up.

"We see this going in a direction where one day there will be full-scale bans. I don't think this goes far enough, but I will support it," he said.

Among the exemptions where pesticide can still be used that council passed were premier sports fields, cemeteries and instances where the city was hosting major international events.

Four councillors voted against the ban.

Coun. Mike Nickel first asked for council to postpone the issue until they could hear from Health Canada and other agencies.

"I do want to hear the other side of the argument," he said. "None of us sitting up here are toxicologists."

Coun. Michael Oshry said that while the ban may feel good, the science says there is no danger.

"In my mind this is a triumph of sentiment over practicality."

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Notley, Nenshi discuss flood projects

Premier Rachel Notley and Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi agree that time is of the essence for building infrastructure to reduce the impact of future floods.

But after meeting with Nenshi in Edmonton Tuesday, Notley says her government is not yet ready to roll out a timeline on getting projects built.

Notley's NDP government is considering the merits of a number of projects to prevent a repeat of the 2013 floods that swamped sections of Calgary and forced thousands from their homes.

The premier wants to visit affected communities in southern Alberta and meet with stakeholders, and says she'll get recommendations to cabinet soon.

She says that a review of all infrastructure spending by former Bank of Canada governor David Dodge will not delay decisions on flood mitigation.

Dodge is to file his recommendations before the province brings in its budget in October.

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Police to see partial rollout of body cameras

EPS

Three units, tactical officers expected to wear devices

 **Ryan Tumilty**
Metro | Edmonton

Some, but not all, of Edmonton's police officers will wear body cameras in the future after the force decided against a full rollout.

The decision comes after the conclusion of a research study, which found limited benefits and major challenges with the cameras, which were deployed on selected officers and units in a pilot program over the past 18 months.

"For every 30-second clip that can be generated for evidence, countless hours of routine video will also need to be collected," said Deputy Chief Danielle Campbell, adding that this created a significant strain on officer time.

The police force plans to look at deploying body cameras in the future in three units — the impaired driving unit, the special traffic apprehension team, which deals with high-risk vehicle stops, and the public order unit.

Tactical officers will also



An Edmonton police officer models one of the body cameras used during a pilot program.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

wear cameras when responding to incidents where weapons are involved.

"In all cases, these members are more likely to be on scene as a crime is being committed, not after the fact, which will enhance the value of body-worn video as evidence before the courts," Campbell said.

In the U.S., one police study on the effect of cameras found

that the use of force by police dropped by 50 per cent and the number of complaints against police dropped ten-fold.

But Dr. Mary Stratton, who led the research project, said the anticipated benefits of body-worn cameras did not materialize for Edmonton's police.

"We did not find any statistical impact on the use of

body-worn video in either reducing complaints or reducing (the) use of force," she said.

Stratton also said the digital infrastructure needed for a full rollout would be considerable.

"The whole program has to be managed and we found in the pilot program it took a considerable amount of time," she said.

 **DETAILS**

The city employed 56 cameras during the pilot program, and they were distributed to officers on the Whyte Avenue and downtown beats and tested over 18 months. The force wanted to test the cameras in all weather conditions.

How do the cameras work? Officers wear the cameras on the front of their shirt and are able to turn them on when dealing with the public. Officers inform people they are being recorded for privacy reasons.

What is the new program going to cost?

The EPS will roll out a program to four units if it gets the budget it has requested, but it hasn't determined how many officers and cameras that will involve.

In Hamilton, Ont., they estimated that it would cost \$15 million upfront to buy 190 cameras and set up the computer infrastructure to store videos. They also estimated it would cost \$3.25 million annually to maintain the system.



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FEDERAL BUILDING

Province to spend on sound masking

The province is looking to spend as much as \$1 million on "sound masking" in the re-purposed Federal Building near the legislature.

Sharon Lopatka, a spokesperson for the infrastructure department, confirmed the province is looking for bids from companies who can provide the service.

"Now that people have moved in they have done some post-occupancy work, and what the sound masking does is it just creates ambient sound for open office areas," she said.

According to the Wikipedia entry, sound masking is employed in offices where secrecy is wanted and the digitally-produced sound makes conversations difficult to hear from afar.

The Federal Building has been vacant since 1989, when the federal government left. The Alberta government purchased the structure, built in 1955, but a renovation project first announced in 2008 went \$50 million over budget, to \$403 million.

Lopatka said this latest part of the project was included in the original budget and is not an overrun.

The building has a handful of staff in it now, but most MLAs are still in other space. She said they expect a full move in by fall.

"It's a staged move in and they expect everyone to be in there by October."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

1989

The Federal Building has been vacant since 1989.

BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

Councillors asking for removal of some lanes



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Erase and try again?

That's the path some city councilors want to take when it comes to some of Edmonton's most recently installed — and most contentious — bike lanes.

On Tuesday, Coun. Michael Walters put forward a motion to remove the bike lanes on 40 Avenue from 119th street to 106th street and 106th Street from Whitemud Drive to 34th Avenue due to low usage and too much mixing of cars and cyclists.

Coun. Michael Oshry is asking for the removal of bike lanes along 95 Avenue for similar reasons, as is Coun. Mike Nickel for 97 Street, due to what he said have been the effect on businesses.

Painted lines on the road, along with signage, were installed in 2013 along portions of 40 Avenue, 106 Street and

95 Avenue.

But while he's pushing for the lanes to be removed, in a blog post Monday night, Coun. Michael Walters says he wants to move ahead in ensuring Edmonton becomes a bike mecca.

"I've decided that in order for us to move forward as a bike friendly city, we must admit our past mistakes and rectify them," he wrote.

Why remove them?

Oshry and Walters both argue that lanes that aren't used don't encourage cycling but instead create "animosity" between drivers and cyclists.

"I'm not against bike lanes ... but right now we have these horrible bike lanes on arterial roads which are basically for commuter cyclist because basically no families would let them ride on them," Oshry said.

Why keep them?

The case for keeping the lanes is being made by cyclists and other commuters alike, who say that modifying the lanes to increase safety would be great motivation for everyone.

Avid cyclist Leslie Bush is one. He said that although bike discussions is a step in the right direction, to have the infrastructure removed



Some city councillors argue the bike lane along portions of 106 Street should be removed, as should others installed in 2013. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

WHAT TWITTER HAS TO SAY

Kerry Boyd @CairoBody
"No matter how you spin it, spending \$ to remove #yegbike lanes is not a step forward for bike infrastructure in this city."

Robin Mazumber @RobinMazumber
"3. Maybe ridership is low because of the predomin-

ant car culture in #yeg. The #yegbike community is only growing. I think it needs more time."

Tim Bulger @timbulger
"@molly_maed @waltersyeg I live in that neighbourhood cycle 1000s km each year and have never used the 40 Ave bike lanes."

"is a step backwards."

"Although I would be disappointed to see them gone, I would like to see the best quality infrastructure as well, no matter where it's located," he said.

According to a report provided by city administration, the cost to relocate the 95 Avenue to service roads along the path would cost \$1.1 million.

What happens next?

The motions to remove the cycling paths will be discussed and voted on July 7, with council making the decision to remove or keep the lanes that have caused a debate within the city.

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Homelessness on the rise among youth, families

POVERTY

As the city grows, situation won't improve, expert says

Michelle Falk

For Metro | Edmonton

Homelessness as an overall trend is down in Edmonton, but not for two specific groups of people.

The number of youth who are homeless in Edmonton has grown by 17 percent since 2008, and the number of homeless adults with an accompanying child is up by 25 per cent in the same time, according to Homeward Trust's most recent annual report.

What's worse, Susan McGee, CEO of Homeward Trust Edmonton, said, "There's also a real lack of housing with supports associated with it, in terms of families with complex needs."

The numbers of youth and families are up despite homelessness decreasing by 27 per cent overall since 2008, according to the agency. But some are not surprised.

One of them is Angel Morningstar.

The 23-year-old has cycled through homelessness, staying in shelters or ravines, for nearly six years — though she's been in a stable housing situation for about a year and a half.



Angel Morningstar, pictured at iHuman Youth Society, has cycled through homelessness for nearly six years. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

Morningstar said the numbers are a product of how government, the justice system and society treats homelessness and families. "They're not doing what they need to do; they're just putting a band-aid over the issue," she said.

There are several contributing factors behind the increase, said McGee. Many people move to Alberta without a lot of a safety net or relationships they

need to succeed, she said.

Another factor, said Mark Cherrington, a youth worker for Legal Aid Alberta, is subsidized housing. "With regards to youth homelessness we've had

an erosion of excisable group care beds, as well as institutional beds as well as foster beds within the city," he said.

"With many group care facilities, group homes, the

only way to access them is to have status with child welfare. And many children and many families are very wary of child welfare."

As the city grows, the situation isn't going to improve, Cherrington said. "It's an ass-backwards system, sometimes — it's not client driven, it's policy driven. And it has a cookie cutter approach that isn't meeting the needs of Edmontonians."

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BUDGET

Tax bump won't be so bad: Council



Ryan Tumilty
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Edmonton councillors are promising that early estimates of a six per cent tax increase every year for the next three won't be the final numbers.

Councillors approved an opening set of assumptions for this fall's budget process, which includes the proposed increase, but Mayor Don Iveson said the city will lower that number.

"I am confident we will be able to bring that down as the estimates come in, unless something really extraordinary happens," he said.

He also said, however, that there are real cost pressures facing the city and the budget process won't be easy.

"We have labour pressures. We have agreements with our employees that we're committed to that certainly drive costs."

The high-level estimate administration prepared uses conservative figures, and Iveson said he's confident when the real numbers come in the picture will improve.

The current estimate includes only a small amount of money for new services with an emphasis on maintaining service levels. The new LRT line on its own will make up one per cent of the increase and the city's ongoing neighbourhood renewal program will take up 1.5 per cent.

Coun. Mike Nickel said he doesn't like the first look because it envisions tax increases higher than the growth in the economy, which mean the average family will be set back.

"If you're taking more money out than the whole economy is generating than you have a problem."

He said the city isn't thinking about the bigger picture.

"There is only one wallet and one taxpayers and we haven't even talked about the risks that the federal and provincial government might be rolling up their tax breaks, as well."

Coun. Michael Oshry said it's time for the city to look at ways to close or scale back some of its programs.

"People want increased service and they want better service and so we add to it, but we don't take anything out, and it's just not feasible," he said.

He projected a very difficult debate this fall.

"We have to really make some tough choices and say no for a change."

RED DEER

Mountie accused of pepper-spraying person in custody

A Mountie faces three assault charges and is on administrative duties after allegedly attacking a person in police custody with pepper spray almost three years ago.

According to Red Deer RCMP, Const. Eric Pomerleau is under investigation after a complaint was submitted back in November 2014 in relation to an August 19, 2012 incident that involved a civilian in police custody at the Red Deer station.

Pomerleau faces assault with a weapon (pepper spray), assault causing bodily harm and common assault. He appears in Red Deer court July 14.

CHARGES

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Pomerleau was posted in the city south of Edmonton at the time of the incident. RCMP would not say if the alleged attack took place in police cells.

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Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley said Bill 1, which received all-party support, puts political power back into the hands of regular Albertans. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Donations bill passes unanimously

POLITICS

Contributions from unions, corporations now banned

The flagship first bill of Alberta's new NDP government that bans corporate and union donations to political parties has passed in the legislature.

Opponents, however, say much work remains to be done to close the loopholes.

Bill 1, An Act to Renew Democracy in Alberta, passed unanimously in third reading late Monday night, and when signed into law will ban donations retroactively to June 15.

"It puts the power back in the hands of Alberta citizens rather than those with the deepest pockets," said Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley.

MLA Kathleen Ganley

rush of donations.

"I think there was sufficient notice," said Ganley. "I think it was the right way to put it through."

The bill received all-party support, including votes from the opposition Progressive Conservatives, who have traditionally received most of their donations from corporations.

The NDP has accrued about 10 per cent of its contributions from unions.

PC Leader Ric McIver said an amendment, proposed by the Wildrose and passed by the house, to block a loophole allowing unions and corporations

to make loan payments to political parties, made the bill more palatable.

Wildrose party Leader Brian Jean said Tuesday the bill still allows unions and corporations to make loan guarantees to political parties and to donate their employees' paid time.

"We were pleased that the bill passed. It will strengthen the democratic process for all Albertans," said Jean in a statement.

The bill keeps individual donation limits at \$15,000 a year.

Alberta Party Leader Greg Clark tried to get that donation limit reduced to \$5,000 a year, but the motion was defeated.

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EDUCATION

NAIT leads on sustainability among polytech schools, receives silver star

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology now leads other polytechnical institutions on sustainability, and has been awarded a silver star by a ratings agency for its work.

In 2012, the school was the first polytechnic to receive a rating from a group called Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS), and it has

now improved to be the highest in its class in Canada.

Emma Shipalesky, STARS coordinator at NAIT, said they improved in several categories.

All office paper is forest stewardship council-certified, ensuring sustainably managed and serviced sources, she said, and many courses now have sustainability learning outcomes.

Overall, the campus has made a 21 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

NAIT does not currently have an active student sustainability group.

MacEwan University also has a silver STARS Rating and the U of A has a gold STARS rating.

NAIT is aiming for gold by 2012, Shipalesky said. METRO

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IN BRIEF**Mountie accused of threatening colleague**

A Mountie in northern Alberta has been charged with uttering threats.

Const. Tyler Cull has been suspended from the force pending the outcome of his court case.

RCMP say threats were allegedly directed at another employee last week at the Wood Buffalo detachment. They say Cull was on duty at the time.

He is to appear in Wood Buffalo provincial court on July 29. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Death Highway' claims another with truck crash

A person is dead after a pickup and a transport truck collided on a notorious highway in northern Alberta.

RCMP say the head-on crash happened on an untraveled section of Highway 63 near Wandering River. Last year the province promised that Highway 63 — known as "Death Highway" for the high number of fatal collisions over the years — will be twinned by the fall of 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two dead after fall from viewpoint near Nordegg

Two men were killed after falling from the Crescent Falls Viewpoint near Nordegg on Tuesday afternoon, according to EMS.

Paramedics from Nordegg and Rocky Mountain House were called to the site in Clearwater Country at about 1:50 p.m. on reports that two people had fallen from a lookout point near the waterfalls.

Both men fell about 15 metres. One of the men is believed to be in his early 20s, the other in his early 30s, according to an EMS release.

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Cash Mobbers for Diversity are encouraging Edmontonians to look at businesses like Planet Organic and Dairy Queen, which support workers of all backgrounds and abilities. RENATE BURWASH/CONTRIBUTED

Disabled shoppers blitz businesses

SHOPPING

Organized mobs shop at stores with diversity



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

There's a mob looking to make companies hire people with disabilities. Their weapon? Cash.

A handful times a year since 2014, an average of 60 people meet at a business that hires inclusively and mob it, as part of Cash Mobbers for Diversity.

With purchases in hand, the participants have helped businesses earn up to \$5,000 in just two hours at past buying blitzes, say organizers.

But the need for cash mobs is part of a broader issue needing to change, they say.

"It's all our problem when people aren't working and are living in poverty so giving people that opportunity and letting go some of the



This movement is really growing and more and more employers are having to think outside the box.

Renate Burwash

stereotypes on people with disabilities has been our goal with these cash mobs," said Renate Burwash, director of employment at Gateway As-

sociation, a family resource centre in the west end helping those with disabilities find work and support.

Stereotypes such as "not as capable as other workers" are among the myths stopping many of Edmonton's disabled population from working with some local employers, said Burwash.

"So many employers hire all types of different people and we accommodate everyone but I think people with disabilities is the one area where people still discriminate against," she said.

INDUSTRY

Keep up carbon capture: Utility

As the government of Alberta considers how to shift away from plans to capture and store carbon, the head of a similar program in Saskatchewan has one word of advice: don't.

Mike Monea, president of carbon capture initiatives at the provincial utility SaskPower, said carbon capture and storage, which involves trapping carbon dioxide and pumping it into the ground, is essential to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"In a simplistic way some people say, 'Well, just get rid of fossil fuels and go to renewables.' Well, that's absolutely impractical," said Monea.

"What we're saying is keep fossil fuels in the mix but reduce its emission, make a very low-emission product, and that's what we're doing."

"So to stop that or to stop funding that kind of technology is going to be harmful."

One of the Alberta NDP's election commitments was to end what it called the "costly and ineffective carbon capture and storage experiment" and reinvest this year's share of funds allocated for the technology into public transit.

Since getting elected, the government hasn't explained how it plans to follow through on that commitment. Matthew Williamson, a spokesman for the province's energy minister, said in an email that the government will announce details in the coming months.

Meanwhile, Saskatchewan is forging ahead with its publicly-funded projects to capture carbon. Just last week, the province opened a \$70-million facility to test new carbon capturing techniques.

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A guide holds a pole showing tourists how much the Athabasca Glacier melted since last year at the Columbia Icefield in Jasper National Park. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Minister plays down climate announcement

ENVIRONMENT

No mention of whether oilsands would be regulated

Alberta is still consulting on its much-anticipated new climate strategy just days before a major announcement on it is expected.

"We are going to be talking with industry over the coming weeks on exactly what our framework looks like," said Shannon Phillips, speaking at a meeting of provincial environment ministers in Winnipeg.

"We have not yet completed those consultations."

Alberta's recently elected New Democrat government has promised an announcement on a new strategy to fight climate change by the end of the month. The timing coincides with the expiration of the province's Specified Gas Emitters Regulation.

which lays out the rules for its carbon-pricing scheme.

Phillips confirmed Tuesday that rule will be extended.

"We are renewing the regulations before they expire at the end of June," she said.

However, she wouldn't say if the coming announcement would contain new rules for greenhouse gas emissions from the oilsands.

"We are going to be talking with industry over the coming weeks on exactly what our framework looks like. This is the beginning of our process to renew the regulation and to outline our chart forward and our blueprint for how we're going to proceed in the weeks and months coming up to Paris."

Nations around the world are to meet in Paris next December to table their plans and targets for reducing climate change-causing carbon dioxide emissions.

Phillips said this June's announcement will lay out how the new government plans to develop its strategy.

"(We) will be unveiling the plan that moves forward on how we are going to involve Albertans and industry, environmental groups and others in our conversation," she said.

In Winnipeg, the ministers agreed to set up a climate change committee to compare best practices and collaborate on the issue. Provinces have taken varying approaches to the problem, from the cap-and-trade models in Quebec and Ontario to British Columbia's carbon tax.

Phillips said Alberta's mind is still open.

"We are deliberating on these matters and we are examining all of our alternatives right now so that we can do better on the issue of climate change. These are early days for us, but we are taking a close look at the various models that prevail across the country."

The New Democrats have also promised a review of the royalty rates it imposes on its energy sector. Premier Rachel Notley recently said that the province's climate change strategy will be linked with that review.

The royalty review has not yet begun.

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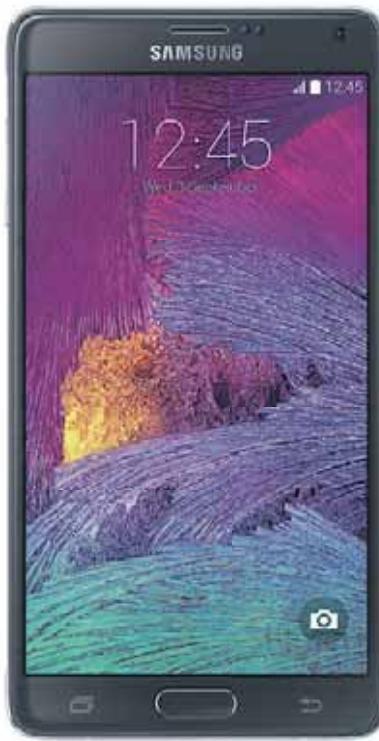
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WINNIPEG

X-rated chatter goes live

A naughty conversation left Winnipeg residents with their jaws dropped Monday night, when the Winnipeg Police's AIR1 Helicopter "inadvertently" activated their public address system.

On Monday around 9:30 p.m. AIR1 was on a routine patrol when the public address system was switched on.

A number of Winnipeggers took to Twitter to say they could hear those in the chopper having a X-rated conversation about oral sex.

"Does the #Winnipeg chopper realize the entire West End can hear their convo about b-w jobs right now?" asked Twitter user @natncello. Others snippets of the conversation included "too much body hair," tweeted Natanielle Felicitas.

Stephen Kernaghan was hanging out by the Manitoba legislature building with friends when they heard someone talking through what sounded like a megaphone. "It was very bizarre. They were cursing quite a bit," said the 26-year-old English teacher. "They're talking about how someone only makes \$600 a week ... We caught the tamer version, which is sort of a shame."

Winnipeg Police apologized for the improper chopper conversation and admitted parts of the conversation were inappropriate.

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Path to citizenship to get harder for thousands

IMMIGRATION

Lawyer says C-24 creates 'two classes of citizens'

Gilbert Ngabo
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It's a tale of two contradictions, says Toronto immigration lawyer David Cohen.

Canada, a country that prides itself on diversity, has just made it harder for immigrants to become citizens.

Germain Zima is among the estimated thousands of Torontonians caught in the snarl of what moved through government channels as Bill C-24.

The law, which took effect earlier this month, requires that immigrants be in Canada as permanent residents for four years before applying for citizenship. That's up from three.

The legislation also means time spent in the country on a work or student visa will no longer be credited toward the citizenship countdown.

"It's utterly unfair and unfortunate," said Zima, who came to Toronto from Rwanda seven years ago and has been a permanent resident since 2013.

He had expected to be eli-



Rosimay Venancio at her Canadian citizenship ceremony in Mississauga, Ont., on Monday. The 25-year-old, recipient of the prestigious Queen's Young Leaders Award, is one of Canada's newest, proudest citizens. LAUREN PELLEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

gible for citizenship on July 4. Now, he can't apply until 2017.

"In the past, changes didn't have hard effective dates, why now?" Zima said, adding implementation of the law should be phased in to give people a chance to transition. "Stronger laws to allow authentic applicants to get citizenship are

good but shouldn't punish all applicants."

Cohen, who's with the firm Campbell Cohen and operates the website Canadavisa.com, has been watching the legislation since it was introduced by the Conservatives in February 2014.

His position is clear: "I don't

think it's a very good law."

Along with making the waiting period longer, the law gives the government authority to revoke citizenship if an immigrant is convicted of crimes such as terrorism or treason.

"They've now created essentially two classes of citizens, making some feel less Can-

+ MORE RULES**The new immigration legislation also requires:**

- People applying for citizenship declare their intent to live in Canada. Critics say that's unfair because people born in the country don't lose their citizenship by living elsewhere.
- People 14 to 64 must now sit for the language test when applying for citizenship. The previous age was 18 to 54.

adian than others," Cohen said.

Added immigration lawyer Chantal Desloges: "I'm not saying we should feel sorry for people who commit acts of terrorism, but it seems a bit arbitrary that we'd get two different punishments for the same actions."

An online petition calling for the legislation to be repealed has been signed by nearly 100,000 people across the country.

The possibilities of seeing the law changed are distant, Cohen and Desloges said.

"I don't see any realistic notion that the change could happen any time soon," Desloges said. "It'll be very difficult for any other political party to try to reverse that."

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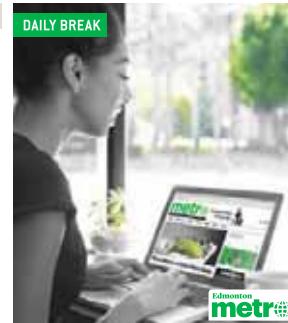
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QUEBEC

Court obtains, seals gun registry data

A bitter legal battle between the Conservative government, the RCMP and the federal information commissioner over the right of Canadians to access government records has arrived at a legal standoff that may not be resolved before this October's election.

The Mounties on Tuesday delivered an external hard drive containing a complete set of Quebec long-gun registry records to the Federal Court, in compliance with an emergency court order.

By preserving a copy of the only remaining records from the long-defunct gun registry, the court helped ease the immediate urgency behind the legal challenges — and thus set the stage for a potentially lengthy constitutional fight.

It wasn't the only significant development Tuesday. Information commissioner

Suzanne Legault is launching a charter challenge to elements of Bill C-59, the Conservative omnibus budget bill that formally became the law of the land Tuesday afternoon.

What is at stake, she says, is the quasi-constitutional right of Canadians to access government documents.

There's also the "perilous precedent" of allowing the RCMP and the government to ignore the jurisdiction of independent officers of Parliament, and to retroactively rewrite that officer's powers when they are called out for breaches of the law.

Bill C-59 rewrites the way the Access to Information Act applies to the old gun registry, removing Legault's jurisdiction and granting immunity, retroactively, to anyone who broke the old law as it applied to registry documents.

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair visits the Vieux Port market on Tuesday in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

QUEBEC

Sovereignty bad for middle class: Mulcair

Federal NDP Leader Tom Mulcair criticized Quebec sovereignty on Tuesday but also brandished the nationalist card by promising Quebecers a special status in Canada if his party forms the government in this fall's election.

Quebec separating from Canada would hurt the middle class, Mulcair told reporters after a visit to a Quebec City microbrewery one day before Wednesday's Fête nationale, a celebration often used by sovereigntists to rally support for their cause.

Independence is "a vision that risks really hurting the middle class," Mulcair said, adding his goal in politics is to "help families" as opposed to "making them suffer through constitutional wrangling."

But Mulcair, who was environment minister under a previous Quebec Liberal government, reminded reporters of his party's so-called Sherbrooke Declaration of 2005, a

document that stated Quebec should be granted "specific powers and room for manoeuvring."

With that declaration, the party endorsed the principle of recognizing a referendum victory by the sovereigntist Yes side, even if it were by a majority of 50 per cent plus one.

That clashes with the federal Clarity Act, which calls for the need for a "clear majority."

Moreover, the declaration offers "asymmetrical federalism," meaning Quebec would be given the right to opt out of federal programs that touch on provincial jurisdiction. Quebec would also receive "full compensation."

Mulcair reiterated that the Sherbrooke Declaration is his party's official position vis-à-vis Quebec's relationship with Ottawa.

"It's clear this political offer remains at the heart of our approach with Quebecers," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Python deaths drive regulation scrutiny

EXOTIC ANIMALS

Task force calls for immediate inspection of all sites

A task force appointed by the New Brunswick government after two young boys were killed by an African rock python in 2013 is calling for greater enforcement of regulations governing exotic animals and the immediate inspection of all sites where exotic animals are kept.

All of its 29 recommendations on how to improve the management of exotic animals in the province were accepted Tuesday by Natural Resources Minister Denis Landry. He says his department will create a committee to ensure they are implemented.

"Our government is committed to ensuring that New Brunswickers live in the safest communities possible, and that is why we are pleased to accept the report and its recommendations in its entirety," Landry said Tuesday at a news conference in Moncton.

The task force was established last July after the August 2013 deaths of four-year-old Noah Barthe and his six-year-old brother Connor. The boys were asphyxiated inside an apartment in Campbellton where they were staying for a sleepover.



The building that housed Reptile Ocean, owned by Jean Claude Savoie, where four-year-old Noah Barthe and his six-year-old brother Connor were asphyxiated by an African rock python at a sleepover in 2013, in Campbellton, N.B., on April 27. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Task force chairman Bruce Dougan said it was important to dedicate the report to the memory of Noah and Connor, but wouldn't comment further on that case because it is before the courts.

However, Campbellton Mayor Bruce MacIntosh said he feels recommendations of the report might have avoided the tragedy.

"It probably would have if we had had the supervision," MacIntosh said.

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DETAILS

Among the recommendations is a call for the immediate inspection of all sites involved in the public display, sale, research and commercial farming of exotic animals.

It also calls for improved enforcement of regulations and greater public education on exotic species, and it wants inspection standards established for all categories of exotic animals.

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Davie one step closer to a deal

QUEBEC

Feds hoping to convert civilian vessel to supply ship

Quebec's Davie Shipyard is one step closer to being awarded a long-sought federal shipbuilding contract but Defence Minister Jason Kenney warned Tuesday that talks between the two sides aren't over yet.

Kenney said in hopes of speeding up the process of procuring a temporary supply ship for the Royal Canadian Navy, the government is skipping an open call for tenders and — for now — looking only at Davie.

The plan would be to retrofit an existing vessel to "bridge the gap" until the government's joint support ships are operational in 2021, Kenney said in Ottawa.

"This is good news for (Davie workers) because it's an indication of the intention of the government to sign a potential contract with the Davie Shipyard," he said.

Kenney said Davie's proposal to retrofit the vessel is incomplete, meaning more discussions are needed between the shipyard and the government.

The preliminary talks begin Wednesday and are aimed at determining if Davie can provide an interim solution acceptable to the navy's standards and needs.

"The federal government isn't going to sign a blank cheque," Kenney said, insisting any deal

has to be right for the military and for taxpayers.

There has been tension between the federal government and Quebec over shipbuilding contracts ever since Davie was passed over in 2011 in favour of shipyards in British Columbia and Nova Scotia for highly lucrative federal contracts.

In May, Davie announced it would lay off 200 workers, leading Quebec Economic Minister Jacques Daoust to say the province was tired of "begging" Ottawa for a federal shipbuilding contract.

Daoust questioned at the time whether the federal government was stalling until closer to the scheduled October federal election to announce a contract for Davie, whose yards are located across the river from Quebec City, in the riding of Conservative minister Steven Blaney.

Kenney said the announcement was "absolutely not" about politics and that a decision should be made within "months." THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ 'STOP-GAP'

The navy is retiring its two replenishment ships, HMCS Preserver and the fire-damaged HMCS Protecteur, without replacements ready to sail, despite a decade-long replacement program. Critics have warned that a stop-gap measure supply ship may end up costing the federal government more in the long run.

AIR INDIA

RCMP continues to investigate 1985 bombing

Three decades on, the RCMP says its investigation into the Air India bombing — the worst terrorist act in Canadian history — remains "active and ongoing."

On June 23, 1985, an explosion ripped apart Air India Flight 182 en route to New Delhi, killing all 329 people aboard, most of them Canadians of Indian descent.

Authorities believe Sikh extremists fighting for an independent homeland sabotaged the Boeing 747, which crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of

Ireland.

A federal commission of inquiry would conclude that a "cascading series of errors" by police, intelligence officers and air safety regulators allowed the attack to take place.

Talwinder Singh Parmar, a prime suspect, died in 1992. In 2003, Inderjit Singh Reyat pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Two years later a British Columbia judge found Ajai Singh Bagri and Ripudaman Singh Malik not guilty. But police have not

closed the file.

A "dedicated team" of Mounties continues to probe the attack on the jetliner and a related explosion at Tokyo's Narita airport, said Sgt. Annie Linteau, an RCMP spokeswoman.

"Over the last 30 years, the Air India investigation is the longest and certainly one of the most complex domestic terrorism investigations that the RCMP has undertaken in the history of the Canadian judiciary," Linteau told the Canadian Press.

The Mounties rarely discuss ongoing investigations, and Linteau declined to provide additional details.

Bal Gupta of the Air India Victims Families Association said he had not heard from the RCMP in more than a year. "I don't know anything about progress," said Gupta, who lost his wife in the bombing.

Gupta planned to attend an Air India memorial in Toronto on Tuesday.

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MANHUNT

DNA discovery narrows search for escaped U.S. prisoners

Hundreds of armed searchers combed through heavy woods in far northern New York state Tuesday after new DNA evidence narrowed the hunt for two convicted murderers who escaped from a maximum-security prison more than two weeks ago.

A hunting camp that apparently was broken into days ago led to "good evidence, DNA data" regarding David Sweat and Richard Matt, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Roadblocks were in place around remote areas of rugged terrain about 20 miles (30 kilometres) west of Clinton County Correctional Facility.

Challenges for both the escaped prisoners and their pursuers included thick, mosquito-infested forests and sometimes heavy rain in a remote area popular with hunters and campers but with spotty mobile



New York State Trooper Steven J. Gill searches the trunk of a vehicle in Malone, N.Y., Tuesday while searching for two prison escapees from Clinton Correctional Facility. JASON HUNTER/THE WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

phone coverage.

Searchers were checking logging roads and railroad beds and going door-to-door, said Franklin County Sheriff Kevin Mulverhill.

He said people were checking seasonal properties, which can be abandoned for months, for signs of intruders.

Authorities hoped that an 18-

day search might finally be close to the end.

Meanwhile, the husband of the woman accused of helping the inmates escape said in an

interview aired Tuesday on NBC that he's "absolutely 100 per cent" certain the pair would have killed him and his wife had his wife been their getaway driver,

as initially planned.

Lyle Mitchell said his wife, Joyce Mitchell, told him Sweat and Matt offered to give her pills to knock him out so she could pick them up after they escaped, but she refused because she said she still loved her husband.

"Do I still love her? Yes. Am I mad? Yes," Lyle Mitchell said.

Joyce Mitchell remained in custody on charges she helped the two men escape by providing them hacksaw blades, chisels and other tools. She has pleaded not guilty.

Sweat and Matt escaped from the prison in Dannemora on June 6. Authorities say they cut through the steel wall at the back of their cell, crawled down a catwalk, broke through a brick wall, cut their way into and out of a steam pipe, and then sliced through the chain and lock on a manhole cover outside the prison.

Sweat, 35, was serving a life sentence without parole for killing a sheriff's deputy. Matt, 48, was doing 25 years to life for the 1997 kidnapping, torture and hacksaw dismemberment of his former boss.

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Strike stops Chunnel

ENGLISH CHANNEL

Passengers stranded as trains cancelled

All trains and many ferry services between Britain and France were cut off Tuesday by striking port workers, stranding hundreds of trucks and thousands of passengers on both sides of the English Channel.

Adding to the chaos, illegal migrants who are camped by the thousands in the port city of Calais were seen trying to stowaway on vehicles stuck in traffic jams.

Rail company Eurostar said Tuesday it would cancel all passenger trains for the rest of the day through the English Channel tunnel, after the striking ferry workers swarmed the train line setting tires alight. About 50 strikers made it onto the tracks by the freight terminal building in Calais, which forced tunnel operator Eurotunnel to close the tunnel in both directions.

Eurostar said all trains are returning to their cities of departure and none were stuck in the tunnel. The company told passengers travel should resume Wednesday but warned them to

arrive extra-early.

The striking workers also blocked the port in Calais, a major departure point for ferries crossing the channel, as part of their protest against feared job cuts.

The strike started before dawn, causing chaos in Calais as truckers diverted to the train line and got snarled in traffic, at which point migrants hoping to reach England swarmed the vehicles, trying to sneak on board.

Video filmed near the entrance to the Eurotunnel showed migrants racing to catch a slow-moving truck. Thousands of migrants from Eritrea, Sudan, Afghanistan and beyond are camped in camps around Calais, hoping to sneak into England, where they believe they are more likely to find jobs and prosperity.

The growing number of migrants in Europe has prompted France to announce thousands of more places in centres for asylum seekers and emergency beds in Calais, as well as a police task force to help dismantle smugglers' networks.

So we have to stay another night in Paris I guess and cancel our plans in London tomorrow. So, not very fun, but we'll figure it out.

Tourist Debbie Florence

HUNGARY

Refugee infrastructure 'overloaded'

Balking at European Union rules, Hungary will temporarily not take back any asylum seekers who registered in Hungary but moved elsewhere in Europe before their requests were resolved, the government said Tuesday.

According to the EU's Dublin regulation, refugees can be sent back to the country where they first requested asylum. Hungary has become a point of entry into the bloc for tens of thousands of

migrants from Asia, the Middle East and Africa. While many migrants travel first through Greece, Serbia, Macedonia and other EU member or candidate countries, the bloc has expressed concerns about their safety in those places.

Government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs said that Hungary had informed 14 mostly EU countries — including Austria, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Norway — that it will sus-

pend taking back asylum-seekers it registered because its refugee infrastructure is overloaded.

The government said that police had apprehended 60,620 people who entered the country illegally, nearly all from Serbia, so far this year, compared with some 43,000 all of last year.

"Hungary has exhausted the resources at its disposal," Kovacs said. "The situation calls for prompt action and ... Hungary must take measures before

the EU adopts its decisions on the matter."

Hungary's plan to build a four-metre (13-foot) high fence along its 175-kilometre (109-mile) border with Serbia to stem the flow of migrants has drawn much criticism from neighbouring countries and human rights groups, but even some of them acknowledged that Hungary is facing an extraordinary challenge.

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IN BRIEF**Leaks back suspicions of money links between Saudi Arabia, Arab media**

A financially troubled Lebanese TV network received a \$2 million Saudi bailout in return for adopting a pro-Riyadh editorial policy. A news agency in Guinea got a \$2,000 gift, while small publications across the Arab world received tens of thousands of dollars in inflated subscription fees.

That's the picture that has emerged from Saudi diplomatic correspondence published by the WikiLeaks group, backing long-held suspicions the kingdom uses its oil wealth to buy influence with media and research centres across the Muslim world. The leaked cables suggest an effort to dampen criticism, varnish its image and strengthen allies in the Arab world. The authenticity of the cables could not be verified by The Associated Press, and the Saudi government cautioned local media against publishing them but it did not say they were forged.

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Penguin found alive after Georgian capital flood

Rescue workers cleaning up a zoo in Tbilisi wrecked by severe flooding have found one of its missing penguins alive, hiding in the bushes.

Zoo spokesman Mziya Sharashidze said Tuesday the bird was the tenth of its 17 penguins found alive after the June 14 flooding that killed more than half of the zoo's 600 inhabitants.

Police and volunteers in Tbilisi are still searching for a tiger and a hyena believed to be on the loose. Last week, a runaway tiger mauled a man to death in Tbilisi before being killed by police.

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Protesters hold signs as they chant during a rally to take down the Confederate flag at the South Carolina Statehouse on Tuesday in Columbia, South Carolina. RAINER EHRHARDT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Americans split over Confederate flag flap

POLITICS

Some retailers pull flags, while manufacturers see sales jump

Even as national retailers pull Confederate flags from shelves and websites after the shooting deaths of nine black church members in South Carolina, manufacturers that produce the divisive symbol say that sales are now surging.

"I don't sell the Confederate flag for any specific group, I just sell the flag," said Kerry McCoy, owner and president of Arkansas' FlagandBanner.com. "This is

America. Everybody has a right to be represented whether you are a history buff or a nut."

McCoy said her company expects to sell about 50 of the flags over the next week. That's about half of what they typically sell in a year.

Sears, eBay and Etsy said Tuesday that they would remove Confederate flag merchandise from their websites. Sears does not sell the merchandise inside Sears or Kmart stores.

A wave of merchandise bans came a day after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said that it would remove all Confederate-themed items from its store shelves and website after the South Carolina shooting suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, appeared in

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Kerry McCoy, owner of FlagandBanner.com

photos holding the flag.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, asked about the retailers pulling flags from stores, said those are "decisions for individual businesses to make."

He added that the businesses' decisions were consistent with

the president's position.

"We welcome those decisions but obviously those are decisions that should be made by individual businesses."

The red-white-and-blue Confederate battle flag represents racism to many, and southern heritage to others. The debate over its place exploded after the church shootings. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday that the flag should be removed from the Statehouse grounds.

Pete Van de Putte said sales of Confederate flags are surging at his Dixie Flag Manufacturing in San Antonio, Texas.

"Any time there is a controversy about any flag, we sell more flags," he said.

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RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

U.S. to aid European defence

The U.S. will spread about 250 tanks, armoured vehicles and other military equipment across six former Soviet bloc nations to help reassure NATO allies facing threats from Russia and terrorist groups, Defence Secretary Ash Carter announced Tuesday.

Carter's announcement, made as he stood with defence chiefs from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, comes a day after he announced that the U.S. would have other weapons, aircraft and forces, including commandos, ready as needed for NATO's new rapid reaction force, to help Europe defend against potential Russian aggression from the east and the Islamic State and other violent extremists from the south.

The defence chiefs standing with Carter all spoke bluntly about the threat they perceive from Russia, and the latest military plans provide a show of solidarity across the region and in NATO. Estonia Defence Minister Sven Mikser said the Baltic leaders aren't trying to restart the Cold War arms race or match Russian President Vladimir Putin "tank for tank," but the additional military presences will be a deterrent to Russia and could change the calculus.

"In global terms Russia is no match conventionally to U.S. or to NATO, but here in our corner of the world, Putin believes that he enjoys regional superiority," Mikser said, adding that Estonia is eager and ready to accept the equipment immediately.

Each set of equipment would be enough to outfit a military company or battalion, and would go on at least a temporary basis to Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Romania. Carter said the equipment could be moved around the region for training and military exercises.

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MAUNA KEA, HAWAII

Protesters vow peaceful prevention of telescope project

About 20 people opposed to building what would be one of the world's largest telescopes on a Hawaii mountain are camped out near the construction site, vowing to stop work from resuming.

They are sleeping in vehicles or on cots under a tent and braving weather that's chilly for Hawaii standards at Mauna Kea's 2,804-metre elevation.

They are also making sure they have bail money ready. Some say they're bracing to be arrested when the non-

profit company building the Thirty Meter Telescope intends to resume construction Wednesday.

Work was put on hold for two months after the arrests of 31 people blocking access to the site.

On Saturday, telescope officials announced construction would start again.

Those against the project say the \$1.4 billion telescope will desecrate land held sacred by Native Hawaiians.

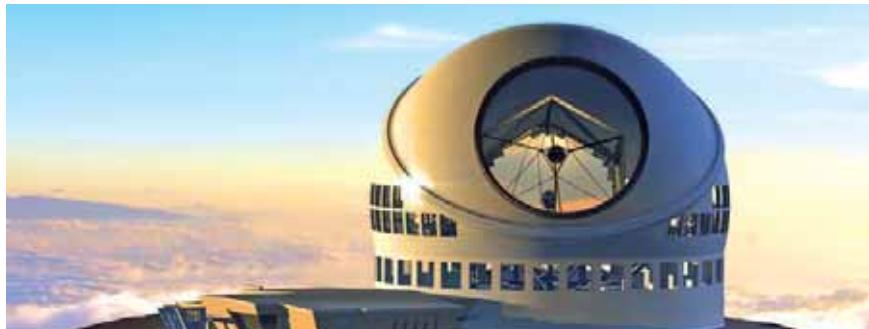
Some say it's time to curb development on the moun-

tain, where 13 other telescopes sit.

Their protests prompted Gov. David Ige to say Hawaii has to do a better job of caring for the mountain. Ige added, however, that Thirty Meter Telescope has a right to proceed with construction.

Astronomers revere the site because its summit at 4,205 metres is well above the clouds, and it provides a clear view of the sky for 300 days a year. There's also very little air and light pollution.

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This artist rendering made available by the TMT Observatory Corporation shows the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope to be built atop Mauna Kea. TMT OBSERVATORY CORPORATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this 2004 file photo, Sister Nirmala, then-superior general of Missionaries of Charity, speaks at the unveiling ceremony of a statue of Mother Teresa in Kolkata, India.

BIKAS DAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Teresa's successor dead at 81

INDIA

Mother Teresa's example led Sister Nirmala

The Indian nun who replaced Mother Teresa as head of the Missionaries of Charity died Tuesday, the organization said. Sister Nirmala Joshi was 81.

Her health had been declining in recent days, the charity said. It did not give more details about the cause of her death.

She was selected to lead the

Christian missionaries and learning of Mother Teresa's work.

Indian politicians including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and opposition Congress party leader Sonia Gandhi praised her work for the poor in the eastern city of Kolkata, where the charity is based.

"Sister Nirmala's life was devoted to service, caring for the poor and underprivileged," Modi said in a statement, adding that he was "saddened by her demise. May her soul rest in peace."

West Bengal's highest elected official, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, said in a Twitter message that "Kolkata and the world will miss her."

The Vatican newspaper, *l'Osservatore Romano*, paid homage to Nirmala in a long obituary, noting that she was elected superior of the order even though she had an incurable form of

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Statement by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

malaria that gave her constant fevers.

A funeral was planned for Wednesday at the charity's Kolkata headquarters, called the Mother House.

Mother Teresa received the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her charity work and is considered a candidate for Catholic sainthood.

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Queen begins German state visit

ROYAL VISIT

Monarch to visit former concentration camp this week

Queen Elizabeth II began a state visit to Germany on Tuesday that will include her first trip to a former Nazi concentration camp.

The 89-year-old monarch and her husband Prince Philip, 94, received a red-carpet welcome as they left their jet at Tegel airport on a grey Berlin evening. A German military honour guard lined their route to their car, while artillery fired a 21-gun salute and fighter jets overflew the area in tribute.

The two shook hands with the British ambassador and others before walking to their waiting limousine to take them to the capital's Hotel Adlon, which overlooks the historic Brandenburg Gate.

The state visit will focus on Berlin and Frankfurt, but the Queen and Philip also plan to visit the Bergen-Belsen camp where diarist Anne Frank and



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip arrive at their hotel in Berlin to start their four-day visit to Germany. Both royals are scheduled to meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Joachim Gauck on Wednesday. JOERG CARSTENSEN/DPA VIA AP

her sister Margot died just weeks before the British liberated it on April 15, 1945.

She will visit a memorial dedicated to the sisters and to meet with aging survivors and liberators of the notorious Nazi camp.

"It is fitting the queen should

go," said Bernard Levy, 89, who helped liberate the camp as a young soldier and has been asked by the queen to attend the wreath-laying ceremony.

"Holocaust education is so paramount, and many kids of today don't really know about

it. The Queen going there lends credence."

He said many who saw the horrors at the camp, or suffered as prisoners, tried to put the experience behind them but are now finding that they want to talk about it.

"After 70 years, there's been a revival of people who want to say something before they die," said Levy, speaking on behalf of the Holocaust Educational Trust.

The royal couple are planning a strenuous schedule.

The Queen will meet German

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Bergen-Belsen camp liberator Bernard Levy

Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin on Wednesday after a boat trip along the River Spree. They will also meet with President Joachim Gauck.

Thursday will be spent in the financial hub of Frankfurt, with time blocked out for the queen to meet the public in the city's central square.

On Friday, the royal couple plans to meet with residents of Berlin in Pariser Platz before travelling to Lower Saxony for the concentration camp visit.

The Queen and Philip also made state visits to Germany in May 1965, May 1978, October 1992 and November 2004.

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Kurdish fighters and their allies have captured an ISIL military base in northern Syria, activists said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kurds near ISIL capital

SYRIA

Forces capture town just 50 km from militants' stronghold

Backed by U.S.-led airstrikes and buoyed by battlefield successes, Kurdish fighters kept up an offensive through northern Syria on Tuesday, driving Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants out of a town near the extremists' de facto capital of Raqqa.

The capture of Ein Issa came just hours after the Kurdish forces had overrun a nearby military base, increasing the pressure on ISIL less than two weeks after it lost the strategically located town of Tal Abyad on the Turkish border, severing a vital supply line.

The advances by the Kurdish fighters in Syria as well as in northern Iraq has been credited largely to a high level of coordination between the ground

forces and the nearly year-old air campaign being led by Washington against ISIL.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest called the success by the Kurds "an indication of how critically important it is for the United States to have a capable, willing and effective partner fighting ISIL on the ground."

That was why the U.S. was dedicating "significant resources" to building up opposition forces, he said. That work was "a more difficult task" in Syria than Iraq, but that "this is a pretty good illustration of why that very difficult work is important," Earnest added.

Ein Issa is only 50 kilometres north of Raqqa, the stronghold of ISIL's self-declared caliphate that spans parts of Syria and Iraq.

The capture of Ein Issa does not necessarily mean that the immediate next move by the Kurdish forces and their allies will be to march on Raqqa, but it appears to have unsettled some of the city's ISIL-linked residents.

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IN IRAQ

3M displaced by fighting

The number of people displaced within Iraq due to violence and fighting by ISIL group has exceeded 3 million, the United Nations said Tuesday, a grim milestone for the war-battered country.

The International Organization for Migration, or

IOM, said that at least 3.09 million people have been displaced between January 2014 and June 4 within 18 Iraqi provinces. The majority of the displaced are from Anbar province, Iraq's Sunni heartland captured last summer in a blitz by the ISIL militants.

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Ramadan heat wave a killer

PAKISTAN

Heat-related ailments flood hospitals

A scorching heat wave across Pakistan's southern Sindh province has killed at least 622 people, authorities said Tuesday, as morgues overflowed with the dead and overwhelmed hospitals struggled to aid those clinging to life.

Most of the deaths were reported in Karachi, the country's largest city and its commercial hub. The port city on the Arabian Sea had at least 600 fatalities.

Temperatures reaching 45 C first struck over the weekend in Karachi, with mercury rising in the rest of Sindh province. Hours-long power outages, typical in Pakistan, left fans and air conditioners inoperable.

The heat wave compounded the struggles of ordinary Pakistanis as it struck amid the holy, fasting month of Ramadan, when observant Muslims abstain from food or water during daylight hours.

"We have confirmed data that 622 people died of the heat wave across the whole of province," said Saeed Mangnejo, the top administrative health official in Sindh.

"But the worst hit is Karachi, where over 600 people died of heat stroke, 19 died in other parts of the province," he said, adding that he expects the number of fatalities to climb even further.

The Karachi toll was a significant jump since earlier in the day, the city's director of health Zafar Ejaz said at least 436 people have been killed by the heat wave.

"Many people have been taken to private hospitals where they have died ... we are collecting that data,"

We're dying and we're being told to wait.

Moazzam Ali

Mangnejo said.

The power outages also affected the sporadic water supply in Karachi, where those who can afford it rely on tankers of water being delivered to their homes.

Most of the dead are the elderly, said Seemi Jamali, a spokeswoman for Karachi's Jinnah Hospital. Thousands more are being treated for heat-related ailments, including fever and dehydration and stomach-related illnesses, she said. Mortuaries were running out of space, with local television stations showing bodies stacked inside of cold storage rooms of morgues.

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A Pakistani man rushes a child suffering from heatstroke to a hospital in Karachi, on Tuesday.

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TRANSPORTATION

Ride-hailing apps target youth, teens

Sacha Simmons used to dread taking a taxi to her high school or someplace else to hang out with her teenage friends when her parents weren't around to give her a ride. Sometimes, the cab drivers wouldn't show up or, when they did, they were rude or haggled with her about the fare.

Those frustrations disappeared a few months ago when her parents introduced her to Shuddle, a ride-hailing service that caters to youngsters who need a lift when mom and dad are too busy to drive.

"I had some pretty bad experiences with cabs," Simmons, 16, says. "Shuddle is less of a hassle and I feel safe with their system. The driver knows who I am and it's more secure."

Shuddle is among a crop of California services providing

rides to eight- to 16-year-old kids who need to get to school, a sporting event or a social activity. On Tuesday it introduced ShuddleMe, an app that lets the kids book the ride themselves within an hour of when the service is needed.

Besides Shuddle, kid-friendly ride-hailing options include HopSkipDrive and Boost, an experimental service backed by car maker Mercedes-Benz. Both those services require rides to be booked at least a day in advance.

Shuddle charges a \$9 monthly membership fee and its fares are about 15 per cent higher than Uber's for comparable trips. The membership fee and surcharge help pay for background checks of Shuddle's drivers.

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BLACKBERRY

CEO clinging to the smartphone dream

BlackBerry CEO John Chen is reaffirming his intention of hanging onto the struggling smartphone, even as it becomes a lower priority in the company's turnaround plan.

"I don't want to give up the hardware business," Chen told shareholders Tuesday at BlackBerry's annual meeting in Waterloo, Ont.

"I think there's a shot at still making money in it."

Chen took the defensive

stance against recent calls from some analysts to stop making phones like the BlackBerry Passport and Classic, neither of which has ignited huge sales since they debuted last year.

When the details of BlackBerry's first-quarter results were released Tuesday morning, the dwindling popularity in phones remained a sore point. Smartphone revenue fell to \$263 million from \$379 million a year ago.

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IN BRIEF

Le Chateau founder lends \$15M to company

Le Chateau is once again turning to its founder to finance the fashion retailer's operations and store renovations.

Instead of tapping banks, Herschel Segal is providing a \$15-million loan on top of the \$10 million the majority shareholder already lent.

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FINANCE

Mobile wallet lets users add credit cards to smartphones

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) has joined Canada's major wireless carriers in backing the Suretap mobile payments app.

Rogers, Bell, Telus, Koodo and Virgin are all offering the mobile wallet across a range of Android and BlackBerry phones.

CIBC says its customers will be able to use Suretap to add their Visa or MasterCard credit cards to their smartphones. That makes CIBC the first

of the five biggest Canadian banks to announce its support of Suretap.

CIBC was also the first of the major banks to announce that its customers can conduct mobile banking via the Apple Watch.

The Suretap wallet uses near field communication (NFC) technology to make payments with a smartphone.

CIBC also has its own mobile payments app, which allows customers to charge purchases of up to \$100 to a credit card.

"Our partnership with Suretap gives our clients choice when it comes to paying with their smartphone and builds on our commitment to delivering the payment solutions that reflect

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CIBC studying Bitcoin tech

The chief executive of CIBC said the bank is studying the technology underlying digital currencies such as Bitcoin, as traditional lenders face disruption from new entrants in financial services.

However, Victor Dodig says he doesn't think banks are threatened by emerging financial technology firms, and says doom-and-gloom rhetoric is overblown.

Dodig says partnering with

new tech startups is vital for banks looking to innovate.

He also thinks bank branches are set to evolve, with the focus shifting away from routine transactions and more towards financial advice and relationship building. Dodig made his comments to the Empire Club of Canada Tuesday, after the bank announced it is backing mobile payment app Suretap.

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of cards and payments innovation at CIBC, said in a statement.

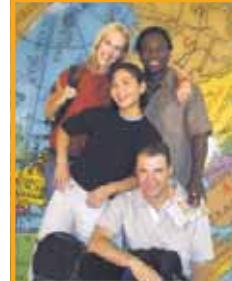
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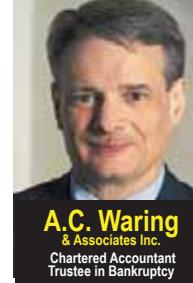
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the big question

Will we ever get our hover bikes?

Maybe. Until recently, hover bikes, like robot butlers and flying cars, remained a pipe dream even in our high-tech world. Now a deal between British and American engineers and the U.S. Department of Defense will see science fiction come to life in the form of a “quadcopter.” The prototype looks like a sideways-turned bicycle with two extra wheels — but it can fly. Its creators want to see it in your local bike shop one day as well as in the American arsenal. Billed as a cheap and safe alternative to helicopters, it will be designed to manoeuvre in small spaces and function manned or unmanned — though it's not powered by a repulsor engine like Star Wars' speeders. SOURCE: REUTERS

Why McDonald's is no longer our kind of place

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem



This is what dying looks like: Burger King injecting its sandwiches with bright red colouring; Dairy Queen using “artisanal” Italian breads; Taco Bell vying to sell alcohol; and Pizza Hut simultaneously decrying artificial ingredients and slipping hot dogs in its crusts.

These chains don't know whether to appeal to the best or worst in us, but what's certain is North America's love affair with fast food is over. The Big Macs' side of the bed has been replaced with Chipotle, Five Guys, Freshii and “fast casual” restaurants promising better ingredients, customizable meals, healthier food and a brand experience you don't have to keep secret.

The whole fast food landscape is being gentrified by a burrito bowl that's twice the price and equal the calories. I

used to beg for birthday parties at the McDonald's Play Place. But inviting your kid's friends' parents to such a cesspool is too debased for most middle-class parents, too demeaning in the age of Omega-3 supplements and free-range chicken cutlets.

So, for the first time since the 1970s, McDonald's is dismantling more golden arches than it's erecting. It's safe to presume it won't leave the low-income areas of Canada and the U.S., as these quick-service restaurants have increasingly become class indicators.

There's also a generational shift that figures to be too strong for these brands to hold off in the long run. Millennials rich and poor are giving up on fast food. According to a 2014 RBC and NPD Group study, even traffic among low-income 18- to 33-year-olds has dipped at the Big Three (McDonald's, Burger King and Wendy's). Perhaps, just as my generation is eschewing per-

sonal vehicles for public transit and cycling in larger numbers, this is a rejection of our parents' unhealthy values.

Then again, we put the gas money we saved toward \$12 gourmet burgers and shakes, plus another \$2 for the egg topping. So much for healthier values.

So what is our problem with classic fast food?

It seems we're yearning for a simpler marketplace that doesn't bombard and allure us with gimmicks and movie tie-ins. The fatigue of seeing golden arches on every fifth block is worth travelling five more blocks for something slightly more cottage, even if it costs more and is a multi-million- (but not billion-) dollar brand.

Fast food in the old mould will always be there for us: when we're struggling financially, staggering drunk or needing nostalgia. But like car ownership, suburbs and all the goodies that came with the postwar boom, it had to peak eventually. And at the

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rate of Chipotle's growth, its peak is inevitable too.

In the meantime, this new breed of restaurants also shows that quality-ish food doesn't have to be so expensive. The middle ground between fast and formal food used to be a costly night at Olive Garden. Now those “casual dining” brands are also suffering because the fast-casual Chipotles of the world are eating their lunch, too.

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What ancient footprints on a B.C. island can teach us

Footprints in the sand are the cliché cover of a 1980s soft rock album.

Not, you would think, a headline-grabbing discovery.

The discovery in question is not even the kind likely to change much for any of us — it's not a possible cure for the flu, not a new alternative fuel to save us from oil, not the answer, once and for all, to whether Toronto is the centre of the universe.

But it's got our attention: What may be the oldest footprints in North America have been discovered on the shore of a B.C. island.

They were likely made 13,200 years ago by a mum, a dad and a child getting too close to the fire, maybe, or getting cranky or just getting in the way. The 12 footprints indicate a family group: a larger adult, a smaller adult and a child with size 7 feet.

The very early “us.” And that is why we care.

The footprints on Calvert Island, preserved in clay covered by black sand, speak to our underlying, undeniable, ancient humanity. Not to our gender or our nationality, not to our race or our class or whether we stand by Bill Cosby (I can't believe you people).

It is a sense of global belonging to which even the researchers at the site,

concerned as I imagine they are with the practical implications, are not immune.

“It makes the hair on the back of your head stand up,” archaeologist Duncan McLaren told media. “When we started finding them, the excitement in the air was electric. It was really quite amazing. You know, there is no doubt in my mind what we were finding.”

“You could see individual feet, you could see the heel pads, the toes, the arch of the foot,” said fellow archaeologist Daryl Fedje. “It was just mind-boggling.”

Once, when I was about five, I found an old key in the woods near our family cottage on Lake Muskoka. It was black and too large to be any key to our house or to our neighbours’. I kept it and searched for the door it might open, until I realized the door was probably gone, and so were the people who used the old key. It was only a remnant of them, like inscriptions in a used book, or graffiti on an abandoned building.

The footprints may teach us about the earliest people on Canada's coast, but they are most powerful as a nod to a brief moment in a human life, and to the imponderably long lineage of men and women through which we're all connected.

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The buzz around cold brew

ON TREND

Coffee chains and indie shops serving up the 'luxury' bevvy

Melissa Dunne
For Metro | Life



Cold-brew coffee is one of the hottest drinks this summer.

When the mercury starts to rise Canadians often switch their regular hot cup of joe for a cold espresso-based drink.

But this season, many of us are hot under the collar for unadorned cold-brew coffee. While the beverage has been around for years it has recently moved from the fringes to the mainstream, with even Starbucks now offering it at select stores in the U.S. and Canada.

Cold brew is often served on tap or in what look like beer bottles at indie cafés. Alas, the coffee drink has no alcohol in it. But you'll likely still get an extra buzz from it, as it tends to be much higher in caffeine content than your average cup of java.

Balzac's Coffee Roasters just started offering cold brew on tap at its Distillery District location in Toronto, as well as at its Guelph, Ont., café earlier this month. Diana Olsen, founder of Balzac's, said she tested cold brew in stores last summer and it got customers buzzing.

The small coffee chain, now with 10 locations in Ontario, teamed up with Toronto's Mill Street Brewery to make their take on the drink. Balzac's version steeps a fresh-roasted Bolivian and Indonesian coffee blend in large tanks of cold water then infuses it with high-pressure nitrogen.

A 12-ounce serving of Nitro Cold Brew is \$4.25, which is on par with what you'd pay for an iced latte, but pricier than a regular old iced coffee.

So why pay more for cold brew? Because it's a "luxury" product, says Olsen.

"The cold and slow brewing process extracts less of the un-

desirable oils and acids which contribute to a bitter taste in traditional iced coffees," she explained in an email interview. "The result is sweeter and smoother."

Chris McKenzie, owner of Jamaica Blue Coffee Co. in Vancouver, agrees with Olsen that cold brew is much more than simply iced coffee.

He started selling his take on cold brew in bottles in Squamish, B.C., last summer and it was popular from the get-go.

At first it was mainly young hipsters interested in the trendy beverage. He says his customers these days tend to skew a bit older, with many drawn to the lower acidity in cold brew versus iced coffee.

Jamaica Blue's version has become so popular it's now available in a handful of Whole Foods stores and small grocers in the Vancouver area.

McKenzie said he isn't worried about the big guys brewing up their own cold brew.

"Starbucks offering it was the best thing to happen," said McKenzie in a phone interview.

The world's largest coffee chain, perhaps most famous for its sweet Frappuccinos, is now educating the masses about the benefits of paying a premium for what looks like a plain cup of cold-brew coffee, McKenzie points out.

While very on trend, both McKenzie and Olsen are confident cold brew is not a flash-in-the-pan fad.

Although Canucks still clearly love their Fraps and Iced Cappuccinos, there's also a time when many don't want a drink overflowing with whipped cream, flavoured syrup and more calories than an ice-cream cone.

Drinking coffee that actually tastes like coffee and not a dessert in a cup on a hot summer's day? That's a "fad" with staying power.



A barista at Balzac's café in Toronto's Distillery District pours a cup of cold-brew coffee from a pressurized tap generally used to serve beer. The beverage is on offer to patrons thanks to a collaboration between the popular coffee shop and nearby Mill Street Brewery. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

WHAT THE HECK IS COLD BREW, ANYWAY?

To be clear cold brew is not iced coffee. Clear as mud? Put simply: Iced coffee is just that — usually hot coffee brewed the regular way then poured over ice. Cold brew, on the other hand, is more of a process. Coffee grounds are steeped for several hours, then the grounds are filtered out before it's served or bottled. One of the main draws of cold brew is that it's high in caffeine and is usually significantly less acidic than traditional iced coffee.

CAFFEINE CONTENT

Cold-brew coffee typically has more caffeine than regular coffee, but the exact amount depends on several factors. Jamaica Blue Coffee Co.'s cold brew has about three times more caffeine than regular coffee, but it is bottled as a concentrate, so the strength depends on how much water you add. Generally, if you use two parts water and one part concentrate it has about 11 per cent more caffeine than a standard cup of coffee, says the coffee co.'s owner Chris McKenzie. If you want a bigger buzz simply add less water and if you want to mellow out add more water.



ACIDITY

Cold-brew coffee typically is significantly less acidic than your average cup of brewed coffee. Again, it depends on numerous factors, but the makers of the Toddy Cold Brew System say cold-brew is about 67 per cent less acidic than hot coffee brewed the regular way.

CAN I MAKE MY OWN COLD-BREW COFFEE?

You can get a cold-brew coffee kit via websites like Amazon, or at most indie cafés this time of year. The kits will generally have a decanter and filter, as well as step-by-step instructions. Ask your local barista which beans are best for your homemade cold-brew concoction. If you want to take your DIY project to the next level pour your brew into some bottles and slap on some homemade labels to up the cool factor.

Juicy treats beat the heat

SUMMER FRUIT

Quench your thirst with the juicy perks of watermelon

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert
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Welcome to the first week of summer! Canadians work hard for their very few and very short dog days of the season. My hope is that you make the most of them with delicious hydrating, high-nutrient foods. Just for fun, take a look at what the Meteorological Service of Canada predicts your hottest day will be, and then stock up.

Summer's quintessential quencher, watermelon, can not only hydrate but also balance your electrolytes with its mineral content. According to Medical News Today, one cup of watermelon contains 17 per cent of vitamin A, 21 per cent of vitamin C, two per cent of



Watermelon is a popular summer treat that not only hydrates the body but also balances your electrolytes with its high mineral content. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/FILE

iron and one per cent of calcium needs for the day. Watermelon also contains thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B6, folate, pantothenic acid, magnesium, phos-

phorus, potassium, zinc, copper, manganese, selenium, choline, lycopene and betaine.

So don't go grabbing a sugar-loaded sports drink to rehy-

drate. Instead, try these simple methods:

- Make watermelon water by blending one cup of cubed watermelon and adding to one

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litre of water.

- Freeze cubes to suck on (great dog treats, too!)
- Slip a slice of watermelon into a grilled cheese. Trust me, it's delicious!
- Use watermelon to make salsa or gazpacho in place of tomatoes. Check out a few recipes at watermelon.org.

Any fruit or vegetable will help hydrate you to beat the heat but there is something special about watermelon juice running down your forearms that brings you right back to summer camp days.

Theresa is a food and health expert and nutritionist who loves to spread the word on food.

RECIPE

Grilled cauliflower steaks with lemon lime feta gremolata

Vegetable steaks are becoming increasingly popular. Cut up thick heads of cauliflower and grill or broil them just as you would beef steaks.

Mix finely chopped cilantro, lemon and lime juice, garlic, olive oil and feta to use as marinade. Cook both sides of cauliflower for four minutes, or until lightly charred.

Ingredients:

- 2 small heads cauliflower
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 lime, 2 lemons
- 1 cup cilantro leaves
- 2 tablespoons feta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



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Foods deemed 'fit' may only make you sit

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Study finds foods branded as 'fit' increase intake, weight

Foods like Clif Bars and Wheaties cereal are packaged to evoke connotations of promoting fitness; however, a new study says this sort of packaging actually encourages eating too much, undermining weight control.

"Unless a food was forbidden by their diet, branding the product as 'fit' increased consumption for those trying to watch their weight," write authors Joerg Koenigstorfer and Hans Baumgartner. "To make matters worse, these eaters also reduced their physical activity, apparently seeing the 'fit' food as a substitute for exercise."

In the study, the research team recruited 536 participants who were considered

"restrained" eaters, who, conscious of their weight, were constantly trying to eat right.

They gave them trail-mix-style snacks, some of which were "fitness branded" — with a picture of a pair of running shoes on the package — and others were simply marketed as trail mix.

The research team asked participants to pretend they were at home eating an afternoon snack and gave them eight minutes to taste the product and say whether or not they liked it.

In another experiment, they were given the chance to exercise as vigorously as they wished on a stationary bicycle after having consumed their trail mix.



For the most weight-conscious in the sample, the labelling took its effect, leading them to eat more when the snack was "fitness branded" than when it was simply presented as trail mix. These participants exercised

less vigorously when presented with the stationary bicycle, according to the study, which is forthcoming in the Journal of Marketing Research.

The authors concluded by suggesting such food items add a reminder to their marketing materials that exercise is still necessary. AFP



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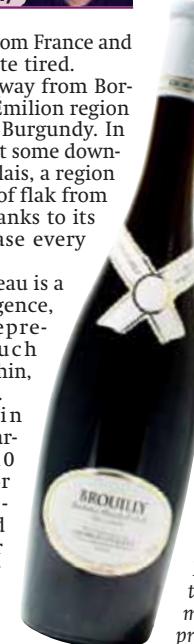


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Wild about going it Alone



Last Friday night, History Canada launched their ruthless new survival series called *Alone*. The competition show follows 10 outdoorsmen as they're dropped into various parts of Vancouver Island's wilderness. **BRIAN GASparek/for metro**

In *Alone*, the "survivalists" have to hunt, build shelter and fend off some real nasty predators, all while documenting their experience. Yikes. The last man to survive without quitting, no matter how long it takes, is crowned the winner.

Metro News had a chance to talk with *Alone* competitors Alan Kay, Lucas Miller and Chris Weatherman about their ultimate survival experience.

This has to be the most raw and ruthless survival show ever made. Why the hell did you sign up for it?

Alan: We get that a lot. We're definitely not right in the head!

Lucas: We all have a few screws loose in our head.

Chris: It was the ultimate challenge of our skills. For me, I wanted to see if I could pull it off, if I could survive in that environment.

There was nothing you could do to fully prepare you for that experience, right?

Chris: Nothing prepares you for the reality. This was the real deal.

Alan: You can research and try to prepare, but reality and perception are two different things. And when you hit the ground, reality hits you right in the side of your head.

Chris: There were several "oh s—!" moments very early on.

Some survival shows look tough, but still a little fun. It didn't look like you guys were having fun at all. It looked scary as hell.

Lucas: We're outdoorsmen and it's rare to have a playground ... I call it a playground loosely ... to test our skills in. It was the real deal. It's dangerous. You sleep with your axe. You may not make it. You could drop a tree on yourself. The animals are real. There's no camera crew around. But that's also why it

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excited me. My footage shows me. It shows how people feel in the wilderness, not just how people live in the wilderness.

Alan: That's what attracted me to the show. Everything was so real. It's never been done before. We've taken it to a whole new plateau. The danger level was off the charts. There was no games or experiments. It's just you, a sack of camera gear, and good luck.

What's more difficult for survival, the physical or psychological strain?

Alan: The psychological and emotional aspect is what it became all about.

Lucas: People don't understand. Fear, regrets, it's amazing what bubbles to the surface. And you have to work with that.

Viewers love seeing gnarly food being consumed on survival shows. What's the nastiest snack you had to eat on Vancouver Island?

Alan: I'd eat snails and slugs regularly because you didn't have to invest energy and chase them. They're slimy, but once you get past that, they're pretty tasty.

Lucas: I ate an unidentified bird. It kind of looked like a pterodactyl with a hooked beak.

After everything you went through to shoot Alone, would you do it again?

Alan, Chris, Lucas: Yes!

Alan: Believe it or not, I actually miss it sometimes. It was uncomplicated.

Alone's Alan Kay, left, and Lucas Miller. CONTRIBUTED



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CHEF COMPETITION

Chopped whips up a Bachelor of a host

Former Bachelor Canada star Brad Smith is the new host of Chopped Canada.

Shaw Media says the former reality star will take over the third season of the Food Network Canada show, due to premiere later this year.

Smith was the inaugural star of City's The Bachelor Canada in 2012, and later became an entertainment reporter for City. Before that, he was a CFL player.

Producers say Top Chef Canada head judge Mark McEwan will join the judging panel, set to also include returning chefs Lynn Crawford, Massimo Capra, Michael Smith, Susur Lee and Roger Mooking.

Based on the U.S. series Chopped, the competition sees four chefs race against the clock to prepare dishes with surprise ingredients for a \$10,000 prize.

Chopped Canada airs Saturdays on Food Network Canada.

Smith takes over from exiting host Dean McDermott, a tabloid magnet who made headlines for turmoil involving celebrity wife Tori Spelling. McDermott announced he was leaving the show earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Brad Smith, crying on the first season of The Bachelor Canada. CITYTV

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You may not want to do much jumping or squatting in skinny jeans, according to doctors in Australia. iSTOCK

The skinny on all those tight jeans

FASHION HAZARD

Report warns of health issues associated with fashion trend

Attention wearers of skinny jeans: don't squat — at least not for long.

Doctors in Australia report that a 35-year-old woman was hospitalized for four days after experiencing muscle damage, swelling and nerve blockages in her legs after squatting for several hours while wearing tight-fitting denims.

"We were surprised that this patient had such severe damage to her nerves and muscles," said Dr. Thomas Kimber of the Royal Adelaide Hospital in Australia, in an email.

The patient, who was not identified, spent most of the previous day helping someone move, squatting for long periods while emptying cupboards. Clad in skinny jeans, the woman said they felt increasingly tight and her feet were numb as she walked home, making her trip and fall. Unable to get up, she spent several hours stranded outside before getting to the hospital.

Kimber and colleagues published a report about the case online Monday in the Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.

Kimber said tight jeans have previously been reported to cause nerve lesions in the groin but not the kind of nerve problems in the lower leg and severe muscle damage they saw. He said squatting compressed the nerves in the lower leg, reducing the blood supply to the calf muscles and that the skinny jeans worsened the problem.

After being treated for four days — and having her jeans cut off — the woman still had some weakness in her legs but walked out of the hospital and later recovered fully. Kimber doesn't know if the woman still wears skinny jeans but warned her against the dangers of squatting in them.

"I think it's the non-stretchy nature of jeans that might be the problem," Kimber said, noting that tight pants with more elasticity wouldn't be as dangerous since they wouldn't squeeze nerves and muscles. He doesn't wear skinny jeans himself, but not because of the medical risks: "I'm too old to get away with them!"

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MARIJUANA

Benefits of smoking pot unproven: Study

Medical marijuana has not been proven to work for many illnesses that U.S. state laws have approved it for, according to the first comprehensive analysis of research on its potential benefits.

The strongest evidence is for chronic pain and for muscle stiffness in multiple sclerosis, according to the review, which evaluated 79 studies involving more than 6,000 patients. Evidence was weak for many other conditions, including anxiety, sleep disorders and Tourette's syndrome, and the authors recommend more research.

The analysis is among several



An analysis published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* has found no conclusive evidence that medical marijuana helps the illnesses it's used for. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

medical marijuana articles published Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. They include a small

study suggesting that many brand labels for edible marijuana products list inaccurate amounts of active ingredients. More than half of the brands tested had much lower amounts than labelled, meaning users might get no effect.

Highlights from the journal:

'It's not a wonder drug'

The researchers pooled results from studies that tested marijuana against placebos, usual care or no treatment. That's the most rigorous kind of research but many studies found no conclusive evidence of any benefit. Side effects were common and included dizziness, dry mouth and sleepiness. A less extensive research review in the journal found similar results.

It's possible medical marijuana could have widespread benefits, but strong evidence from high-quality studies is lacking, both authors say.

"It's not a wonder drug but it certainly has some potential," said Dr. Robert Wolff, a co-author and researcher with Kleijnen Systematic Reviews Ltd., a research company in York, England.

Cookies and brownies

Researchers evaluated 47 brands of medical marijuana products, including candy, baked goods and drinks, bought at dispensaries in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Independent laboratory testing for THC, marijuana's leading active ingredient, found accurate amounts listed on labels for just 13 of 75 products. Almost one in four had higher amounts than labelled, which could cause ill effects. Most had lower-than-listed amounts. There were similar findings for another active ingredient. Products were not identified by name.

Johns Hopkins University researcher Ryan Vandrey, the lead author, said he was surprised so many labels were inaccurate. The researchers note, however, that the results may not be the same in other locations.

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HEALTH LEGALLY GETTING HIGH

Marijuana in Vancouver

A British Columbia civil rights group is asking the City of Vancouver to reconsider its plan to ban dispensaries from selling edible forms of medical marijuana.

The request comes as the city council is set to vote on new zoning regulations for medical marijuana shops.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association said it recognized

the logistical challenges to regulation but that an outright ban on items such as cookies and brownies would just transfer the problem to patients.

"This is not comparable to other kinds of medication," said Michael Vonn, the organization's policy director.

"It's one thing to say we as government aren't really sure what kind of formula-

tions are the safest. It is incredibly problematic to say to a patient: 'Here, go mix this up in your kitchen, like some kind of alchemist.'

Vancouver is poised to pass precedent-setting policies that would require dispensaries to pay a \$30,000 licensing fee and stay a minimum distance from schools and other pot shops.

The proposed regulations would allow for the sale of

products such as dried marijuana and pot oil, which the city says patients could use to make their own edibles.

On Monday night, Vancouver councillors wrapped up four days of public hearings on amendments to licensing, zoning and development bylaws. More than 180 people were registered to speak.

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In this 2011 file image, Sean "Diddy" Combs and his son Justin Combs attend the Jackie Robinson Foundation Awards Gala in New York City. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

Helicopter dad in trouble again

DIDDY

Hip-hop mogul on bail after alleged assault of UCLA coach

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar



So Sean Combs is facing multiple felony assault charges — and, for some reason, a charge of "making terrorist threats" — and UCLA coaching staff member Sal Alosi nearly had his head bashed in with a kettlebell, but you know who you should really feel bad for in all of this? Combs' son, Justin Dior Combs.

First of all, his middle name is Dior. Thanks, Dad. And secondly, it's hilariously coming to light that Diddy is a "helicopter dad" when it comes to his son's football career, regularly attending practice, stalking the sidelines and butting

in where his opinion is not necessarily needed or wanted. That's barely acceptable — and super-annoying — at pee-wee soccer games or high school athletics, but this is college football we're talking about. How embarrassing must it be for poor Justin Dior Combs?

Also, I imagine Diddy's helicopter parenting nonsense at practices sounds a lot like his producing work on his old hip-hop tracks, with him just interjecting a random "yeah" or "uh huh" here or there then giving himself a "featuring" credit. Bad Boy for life, yo.

+ OFFICIAL CHARGES

Combs, a.k.a. Diddy, was freed late Monday night after posting bail, several hours after his afternoon arrest, jail records showed.

University police allege three counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of making terrorist threats and one count of battery, according to a UCLA statement.

Officials did not say who was allegedly assaulted or what led to it. No one was seriously injured, police said.

The jail records show that Combs' bail was

\$160,000, but sheriff's officials reached by phone said he posted \$50,000. The reason for the discrepancy wasn't clear.

The arrest, first reported by TMZ, is the latest of several allegations of violence by Combs.

He was acquitted of bribery and weapons-related charges in connection with a 1999 shooting at a New York nightclub.

Earlier this year, an Arizona man accused Combs of punching him in the face at a Super Bowl party. Combs was not arrested. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAYLOR SWIFT

Calvin Harris the cat's meow

Today in super-adorable news, Calvin Harris is reportedly cat-sitting for girlfriend Taylor Swift while she's out on the road on her world tour.

Not only that, but he's even posting cat videos of them on Instagram. This guy, am I right?

have a theory, though: Harris knows the risks in dating Swift, like how likely he is to be the subject of a song — or, who knows, an entire album — should things go bad. He's clearly



going out of his way to counteract such a fate. And in the process, he's making life hell for every other boyfriend out there who will be compared to him. Thanks a lot, jerk.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

The '90s called, they want ...

New Kids On The Block selling out Madison Square Garden. Janet Jackson releasing a new song. What year is this again?

The boy band (can we call them a man band at this point?) sold out MSG two nights in a row, giving fans the ultimate throwback experience by having the

two surviving members of TLC take the stage before they went on. T-Boz and Chilli performed three songs, ending with No Scrubs, which had the whole stadium singing along. And Mon-



day night, Mark Wahlberg joined the guys on stage, the first time he's done so in more than 20 years. We'd say the fans got their money's worth, wouldn't you?

MICHELLE OBAMA

First lady channels Oprah

You get a baby shower! And you get a baby shower! And you get a ... well, you get it.

Michelle Obama recently visited a group of military

moms-to-be who thought they were just in for a photo op and round-table discussion, but the U.S. first lady had other plans. As part of



Glam4Good's Operation Shower, Obama surprised the women with a lavish baby shower and complimentary shopping spree at the Caserma Ederle U.S. military base in Italy.



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Cruize Diesel loves highway



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THE CHECKLIST | 2015 CHEVROLET CRUIZE DIESEL

THE BASICS

Type. Compact, four-door, FWD, sedan.

Engine (hp). 2.0-litre inline turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (151).

Transmission. Six-speed automatic.

Price. Base \$25,295 (plus destination).

POINTS

• 5.1 L/100 km highway fuel economy among the best of any non-hybrid car in Canada.

• European-sourced diesel augmented with urea exhaust treatment system to meet NA emission standards.



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COOL FEATURES

- Text message alerts, Apple Siri integration, and OnStar with available Wi-Fi hotspot.
- Automatic front grille shutters, underbelly aerodynamics, and low resistance tires.
- All wheel disc brakes, to better handle extra weight of diesel powertrain.

MARKET POSITION

- Aims to grab a slice of the entry-level diesel market.
- Super highway fuel economy and range appeals to those with long commutes.
- Premium for diesel engine, plus high-level of standard equipment, translates to a small, upscale sedan.

THE COMPETITION



VW Jetta TDI
Base price: \$23,890



Mazda6 SKYACTIV-D
Base price: TBA



Audi A3 TDI
Base price: \$35,300

appeal, but to those so inclined, it should have huge appeal. Basically, if you drive a bunch, and mostly on the highway, you'll reap the benefits from this model's exemplary highway fuel efficiency, rated at 5.1 L/100 km, its big range between full-ups (more than 1,000 highway klicks), and its very comfy, and quiet highway manners.

Diesel efficiency shines less so in the city, and you'll be more aware of the diesel's nosier character, which rises up under acceleration. The Cruize Diesel also doesn't launch particularly well from a dead stop, feeling low on power.

Once the engine is spinning a bit, however, the power gets meaty, and when you get to highway speeds it very serene and relaxed.

There is a lot of German content, however, in this compact American sedan. The turbocharged, direct-inject, 2.0-litre 14 diesel engine is built at Opel's plant in Kaiserslautern, Germany, which churns out more than 400,000 of them annually for various GM products, including the Opel Astra.

GM had to substantially modify the engine to meet this continent's diesel emission regulations and different diesel fuel formation. Those two differences are what generally keep European-market diesels from automatically landing on our shores.

But we're really glad Chevrolet made the effort. The Cruize Diesel is an intriguing little sedan. It won't have mass

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Mazda CX-7: fun and sporty

USED VEHICLE

2007-2012 turbocharged models need more attention

The Mazda CX-7 crossover is now retired, though numerous 2007-2012 copies are available in the used marketplace, offering a sporty and sophisticated hauler that's big on fun-to-drive factor, all-season confidence, and a nice-looking cabin.

For turbocharged models, note that a turbocharger should last the life of the vehicle if the factory-prescribed oil-change schedule is adhered to. Be sure the seller of a used CX-7 with turbo power was fond of keeping up on oil changes.

Call the seller before you head over for a test-drive and ensure they don't start or drive the vehicle before you show up. You'll want to start the engine from dead cold, let it idle up to operating temperature for a few minutes, and then move to the tailpipes and have a look for thick white smoke which

could indicate a problem with the turbocharger or the engine's internal ventilation system. In any case, the presence of smoke likely means you'll want to move to another unit.

After you've started the engine cold, pop the hood and head up front for a listen. Some owners have reported issues caused by a bad timing chain. The tell-tale sound is a diesel-like clattering that sounds like a fast-moving chain smacking around inside of a metal housing. As with any unusual sound on any used car you're considering, if you're not comfortable with a noise coming from under the hood, visit a mechanic and have him or her take a closer look, or move to another unit.

A handful of owners have reported strange harmonic vibration issues, particularly in units with AWD. A mild to moderate vibration at certain speeds and throttle loads could be the result of a bad motor or transmission mount, or a bad wheel-bearing. Have a Mazda mechanic investigate if you have any worries.

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Engines

The CX-7's 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine generated 161 horsepower and used an electronically controlled five-speed automatic transmission. An award-winning 2.3-litre turbocharged four-cylinder DISI engine was available, as well, offering 244 horsepower backed by nearly 260 lb.-ft. of torque.

Features

Premium Bose audio, navigation, a sunroof, heated leather seats, automatic climate control and plenty more, depending on the model. There's also nearly 1,660 litres of cargo space and split-folding rear seats.

What owners like

Owners of the CX-7 typically rate fuel mileage on non-turbo units as being decent, as well as a nice blend of handling, sportiness, comfort and long-haul readiness.

The verdict

A non-turbo, front-drive CX-7 will be the best bet — not to mention less expensive to run, repair and insure. A turbo model steps up the entertainment value, though shoppers are advised to visit a Mazda dealer for a pre-purchase inspection.

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Korean cars race ahead on quality

STUDY

Traditionally strong Japan takes back seat in rankings

The gap between Korean car brands and the rest of the U.S. car market has never been wider, the recently published J.D. Power 2015 US Quality Study suggests.

More startling is the fact that Japanese markets, once the global benchmark for automotive quality and reliability, have collectively fallen below the entire industry quality average for the first time in 29 years.

The study bases its scores on how many problems an owner experiences with a new car during the first 90 days and the number of problems per 100 vehicles — PP100. The low-



The Kia Soul is one example of a car by a Korean brand. KIA

“This is a clear shift in the quality landscape

Renee Stephens,
VP at J.D. Power

er the score, the higher the quality.

This year's industry average is 112 PP100, two points better than the average for

Japanese brands (114 PP100), which are now on par with U.S. manufacturers.

But it is Korean brands,

with an average of 90 PP100 that is remarkable, reflecting a considerable lead over the best of the rest of the industry.

“This is a clear shift in the quality landscape,” said Renee Stephens, vice-president of U.S. automotive quality at J.D. Power.

“For so long, Japanese brands have been viewed by many as the gold standard in vehicle quality.” AFP

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Your essential daily news

Eugenie Bouchard beat Alison Riske at the Aegon International for her first win on grass this season

England another stern test for Canada in quarter-final

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

There is no underdog for tie says hosts' coach Herdman

Expect another nail-biter as Canada takes on England in Saturday's quarter-final at the Women's World Cup.

Canada's two wins at the tournament — it also has two ties — have been by one-goal margins. Four of its last five matches with England were decided by one goal.

"They've been really, really tight encounters," Herdman told a media conference call Tuesday in his first public comments since England beat Norway 2-1 to earn a date with Canada at B.C. Place Stadium.

"And I think that's what it's going to be. I don't think you can pick an underdog for this game. And I don't even want to pitch it like that. When you get into a quarter-final, it's just game on for both teams. Regardless of where you're ranked, regardless of what your results have been prior to that game, both teams are just going to come and go for it."

All four of England's tournament games, three of which were wins, have been decided by one goal.

"The difference will be who



Canada and Lauren Sesselmann, left, were forced to fight hard against Switzerland in the round-of-16 and the England game will be no different for the Canucks. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

unlocks the defence," Herdman said. "Will it be a set play or will it be just a moment of magic from an individual player? That's how tight this game can be."

England, ranked sixth in the world, represents No. 8 Canada's first top-10 opponent at the soccer showcase.

In the other quarter-final on Canada's side of the draw, No. 10 Australia plays either No. 4 Japan or the 12th-ranked Netherlands. One of those teams will face the Canada-England winner in Edmonton on July 1.

"Look, we're two games away from the final now," said Herdman. "It feels like

it's touching distance. ... It's really exciting for our players."

"The story's starting to come together," added midfielder Desiree Scott, the lone Canadian who plays her club soccer in England. "Things are starting to get really real. We're on to the quarters and the team is really pumped."

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MLB

Archer on form as Rays hold off Jays

Tampa Bay's Chris Archer won his sixth straight decision, allowing three hits over eight innings in a 4-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Brandon Guyer and Joey Butler had RBI singles for the Rays, with a wild pitch and passed ball setting up both runs off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (3-7).

The Rays scored a third run off the Toronto starter with help from centerfielder Kevin Pillar's throwing error and Asdrubal



Kevin Kiermaier scores for Tampa BRIAN BLANCO/GETTY IMAGES

Cabrera hit a solo homer off Steve Delabar for a 4-2 lead in the eighth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

NHL salary cap on rise

The salary cap will be higher next season than some NHL teams had feared.

The league and Players' Association announced Tuesday that the cap will be \$71.4 million US for 2015-16. That's up from this season's \$69 million. The weak Canadian dollar led projections to be in the \$70-71 million range.

What helped push the cap to \$71.4 million was the NHLPA triggering its five per cent escalator clause to increase the cap.

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OLYMPICS

Paris joins race to host 2024 Games

Declaring they have learned from their past mistakes and failures, French officials launched a bid Tuesday to bring the Olympics to Paris in 2024 — 100 years after the games were last held in the city.

Paris became the fourth city to enter the 2024 race and, with a bid team led by athletes and sports officials rather than politicians, believes it has found a winning formula after a string of stinging defeats.

"We've learned our lessons," bid CEO Etienne Thobois said.

"This time around, this is about winning." The Paris bid, which had been in the works for months, was formally announced at the headquarters of the French Olympic Committee in a ceremony attended by dozens of leading French athletes in a packed hall.

"We believe that this bid and our goal to host the 2024 Games will excite, unite and enthuse the people of Paris and our entire nation," said bid chairman Bernard Lapasset. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEFLATEGATE

Brady awaits appeal decision

After a 10-hour hearing, Tom Brady now must wait to find out if his appeal of a four-game suspension carried any weight with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Brady was suspended by the league for his role in the use of deflated footballs in the AFC championship game win over Indianapolis. He arrived at the NFL's Park Avenue offices Tuesday morning, as did attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who is leading Brady's defence.

It was growing dark when Goodell left the league headquarters after he heard Brady and representatives from the players' union during the lengthy meeting. League security said Brady also had left.

No details of the hearing were immediately available.

"I think we put in a very compelling case," Kessler said, adding that no timetable on a decision by Goodell had been given. Kessler said he would have no further comments Tuesday night, and neither the union nor the league immediately commented.

This was the latest step in the protracted "deflategate" scandal, and no decisions were expected Tuesday. Indeed, it is uncertain how soon Goodell will announce anything; he could decide to keep the suspension as it is, reduce it or completely wipe it clean. With training camps set to open in five weeks, the commissioner has some time to consider the evidence presented at the hearing.

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Tom Brady arrives for his appeal hearing at NFL HQ in New York, Tuesday. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Tex-Mex Macaroni Salad with Charred Corn and Black Beans



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This salad is perfect in a baked tortilla shell. Serves eight.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes

Ingredients

- 8 oz whole wheat elbow macaroni
- 1 cup canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 1/2 cups chopped seeded plum tomatoes
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1/3 cup barbecue sauce
- 2 Tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 Tbsp molasses
- 1 tsp minced, seeded jalapeño

pepper or hot chili sauce to taste

Directions

1. Bring a saucepan of water to a boil and cook the macaroni for eight to 10 minutes, or until tender but firm. Drain, rinse and drain again. Place in a large serving bowl.
2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and set over high heat. Cook the corn, stirring often, until slightly charred, about eight minutes. Add to the macaroni, along with the tomatoes, beans, onion and cilantro. Toss to combine.
3. To make the dressing, whisk the barbecue sauce, cider vinegar, molasses and jalapeño together in a small bowl. Pour the dressing over the macaroni mixture and toss to coat. Serve immediately or chill.

Nutrition per serving

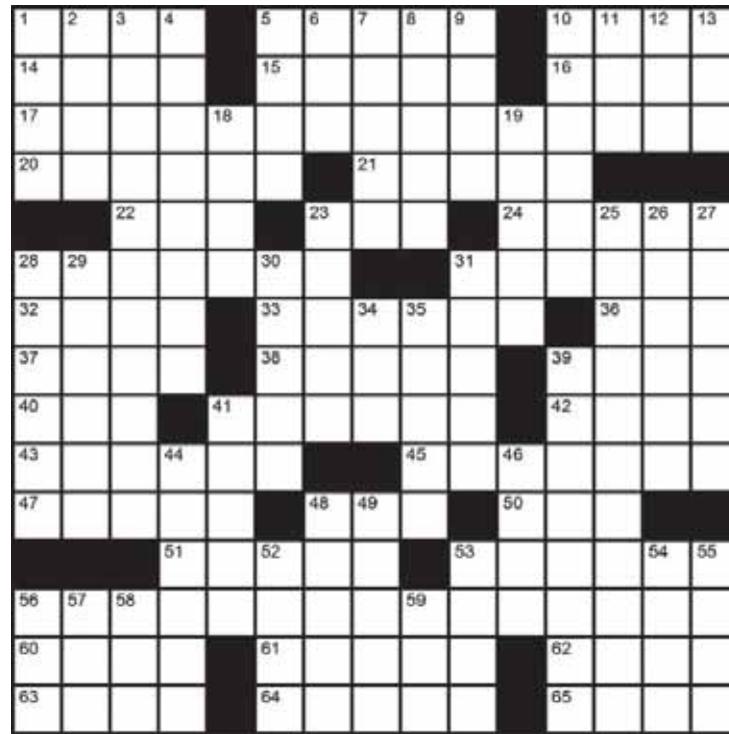
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ACROSS

1. Hay bundle
5. "Ain't Too Proud ___" by The Temptations
10. Figure skater Michelle
14. Antarctica's Prince ___ Coast
15. Radiate
16. Apiece
17. David Johnston, The ___ of Canada
20. Get mad: 2 wds.
21. Mr. Cadell, Canadian songwriter/performance artist
22. Stimpson's cartoon pal
23. Note-taker's need
24. Zubin ___ (Celebrated conductor)
28. "The ___": Spoken word song by #21-Across
31. Common sports injury
32. Soprano Jenny, nicknamed 'The Swedish Nightingale'
33. Money, informally
36. There: Latin
37. Country singer Mr. Arnold
38. Head, in Latin
39. "American Idol" champ Mr. Allen
40. "Musket" suffix
41. Executive's plane
42. "Dies ___": Latin hymn meaning 'Day of Wrath'
43. Soul
45. Diana Ross/ Lionel Richie duet: "___ Love"
47. Illegally lift
48. Classified ___
50. Furniture wood
51. Aristocratic
53. Canadian actress Genevieve
56. Popular date night combo: 4 wds.



DOWN

60. Merle Haggard's "___ from Muskogee"
61. Torching crime
62. University for The Clintons
63. Combine
64. Make corrections to
65. Poetry event
66. Wetlands
67. ___ vera
68. Explorer/fur trader from Trois-Rivières: Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de ___ (b.1685 - d.1749)
69. Batteries brand
70. Work the bar
71. Tic-Tac-Toe losing row
72. 1945 war picture

73. Starring Errol Flynn, "Objective, ___!"
74. Gradually advanced
75. Will of "The Waltons"
76. Harper Lee portrayer in "Capote" (2005), Catherine ___
77. Conflict between countries
78. Scottish slope
79. Robbie Robertson's group, with The
80. Oscar-winning actress Ms. Kedrova
81. Regard
82. Mr. DeLuise
83. Pres. Eisenhower
84. Naught
85. Mr. Knotts

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

If some minor thing goes wrong today don't get angry and make a big deal of it. Some issues are worth getting worked up about and some aren't. If you still don't know the difference it's time to learn.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Something fortunate will happen today but you may not realize how fantastic it is for a while. If someone you meet while on your travels gives you advice you should take it — they know what they are talking about.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Others may say you are aiming too high but the planets indicate that if you move confidently in the direction of your dreams they will come true — and maybe quicker than you imagined.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

You won't be content to sit back and watch other people snatch the glory today — you want it all for yourself. With Mars moving into your birth sign you intend to be Number One and your self-belief will make it happen.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't be too eager to apologize if you annoy someone today — most likely they deserved to be put in their place. If you make it clear you won't be intimidated it will save you a lot of trouble later on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will have to deal with someone today who, to put it nicely, isn't on the same intelligence level as you. It may be a pain having to explain everything in words of three syllables or less but it's the only way they'll get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Do not allow anyone to deflect you from the path you have chosen. If you let others sow seeds of doubt in your mind your chances of success will diminish. Ignore the critics.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You are not usually the type to draw attention to yourself but with Mars moving into one of the more positive areas of your chart today you will find it hard to keep a low profile. Shout about your achievements — they are worth knowing about.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You need to join forces with like-minded people or you could miss out on a really big prize. You may think you know more than most, and maybe you do, but that does not mean you can do it all on your own.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Something out of the ordinary will happen today or tomorrow and to say you will be surprised is a massive understatement. Whatever it is and be it "good" or "bad," keep your cool and find ways to make it work for you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If you make major changes now you may want to change back again in a few days or a few weeks and that won't be easy. Before you do anything silly ask yourself: are things really as bad as they seem? Probably not.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Life is not a zero sum game and other people don't have to lose just so you can win. Keep that in mind today and strive to find ways to profit that will benefit others as well. Be ambitious but be creative too.

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